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Date: May 17, 2008

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Appln. of: Frederic Tarte et al.

Appln. No.: 10/556,664

Filed: 11/9/05

For: A STEERING WHEEL

Attorney Docket No: 12400-050

Attn: Donna S. Greene

Art Unit: Unknown

Confirmation No. 8557

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P. O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313

TRANSMITTAL

Sir:

Attached is/are:

- ☒ Response to Decision on Petition Under 37 C.F.R. §1.181(a) Requesting Withdraw of Holding of Abandonment (Notice to File Missing Parts Timely Filed); Attachment 1 and Exhibit A.
- ☒ Return Receipt Postcard

Fee calculation:

- ☐ No additional fee is required.
- ☐ Small Entity.
- ☐ An extension fee in an amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ for a \_\_\_\_\_-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a).
- ☐ A petition or processing fee in an amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(\_\_\_\_\_).
- ☐ An additional filing fee has been calculated as shown below:

|   |                                  |       |                                 |               | Small Entity |           |    | Not a Small Entity |           |
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|   | Claims Remaining After Amendment |       | Highest No. Previously Paid For | Present Extra | Rate         | Add'l Fee | or | Rate               | Add'l Fee |
| Total                                     |                                  | Minus |                                 |               | x \$25=      |           |    | x \$50=            |           |
| Indep.                                    |                                  | Minus |                                 |               | x 100=       |           |    | x \$200=           |           |
| First Presentation of Multiple Dep. Claim |                                  |       |                                 |               | +\$180=      |           |    | +\$360=            |           |
|   |                                  |       |                                 |               | Total        | \$        |    | Total              | \$        |

Fee payment:

- ☐ A check in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed.
- ☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. 23-1925 in the amount of \$. A copy of this Transmittal is enclosed for this purpose.
- ☐ Payment by credit card in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ (Form PTO-2038 is attached).
- ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional filing fees required under 37 CFR § 1.16 and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR § 1.17 associated with this paper (including any extension fee required to ensure that this paper is timely filed), or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 23-1925.

Respectfully submitted,



Steven L. Oberholtzer (Reg. No. 30,670)

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**RESPONSE TO DECISION ON PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.181(a)  
REQUESTING WITHDRAW OF THE HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT**

**(RESPONSE TO THE NOTIFICATION OF MISSING  
REQUIREMENTS TIMELY FILED)**

Petitioners hereby respectfully request the Director to withdrawal the holding of abandonment in the above-referenced application since the response to the notification of Missing Requirements mailed September 27, 2006 (Form PCT/DO/EO/905) was timely filed on October 17, 2006 and, in fact, there has been no abandonment of the application.

This Petition supplements the previous Petition in this matter dated 21 February 2008. The Commissioner's office denied the Petition for Requesting Withdraw of the Holding of Abandonment based on non-compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.8b(3) in a decision dated 01 May 2008. The decision regarding the Petition set a two-month period for the submission of the Request for Reconsideration of the Decision.

Applicants are hereby responding to the Commissioner's decision in this case. Responding to the decision, Applicants counsel is providing Attachment 1, an express statement confirming that the ten pages attached as Exhibit A to the Applicants' Petition are a true copy of the materials filed on 17 October 2006. The Exhibit A document is referred to in this paper and the attached Declaration in the same manner. This Petition is signed by the individual who filed the documents; namely, Melissa Collins, assistant to Steven L. Oberholtzer. In addition to the attached Declaration of Melissa Collins, the undersigned Steven L. Oberholtzer,

hereby confirms that the ten page document attached as Exhibit A to the Petition are a true copy of the materials filed on 17 October 2006 based on his first-hand knowledge of the previous mailing or transmission. Undersigned counsel has a first-hand knowledge of the previous transmission based upon: a) his primary responsibility for the subject case; b) his direct involvement with all matters Melissa Collins handles as her supervisor and his supervision of her as his legal secretary, and c) confirming verbal representations by Melissa Collins to the undersigned that Exhibit A is a true copy of the previously filed materials.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully requests withdrawal of the holding of abandonment.

Respectfully submitted,



Steven L. Oberholtzer (Reg. No. 30,670)

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Attachments: Attachment 1: Declaration of Melissa A. Collins in Support of Petition.  
Exhibit A: True copy of the Response transmitted to the Office on 17,  
October 2006.

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DECLARATION OF MELISSA A. COLLINS IN SUPPORT OF PETITION

I, Melissa A. Collins, hereby declare and state as follows:

1. I am the administrative assistant for Steven L. Oberholtzer, Reg. No. 30,670, and have worked in that same capacity since October, 2000.

2. As indicated by my signature on the Certificate of Facsimile Transmission section of the Response to Notice to File Missing Parts of Application (Filing Date Granted) ("Response"), I personally facsimile transmitted the Response to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office ("Office") on October 17, 2006.

3. The document attached hereto as Exhibit A is a true copy of the Response that I transmitted to the Office on October 17, 2006.

4. Exhibit A was previously submitted with the Petition for Withdrawal of the Holding of Abandonment filed on October 17, 2006 in the above-referenced case.

5. All statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statement may jeopardize the validity of the above-identified application, and any patent issuing thereon or any patent to which this declaration is direction.

May 17, 2008

Date

*Melissa A. Collins*  
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**FACSIMILE COVER SHEET**

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Our Ref.: USSN 10/556,664  
Our Ref.: 12400-050  
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Date: October 17, 2006

Name: M. Collins

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In accordance with the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application Filing Date Granted mailed September 27, 2006, "Part 2" of which is attached, enclosed herewith for filing is a fully-executed, combined Declaration for Patent Application and Power of Attorney (3 sheets) for the above-referenced patent application.

Applicant has calculated the fees associated with the filing of this Response as follows:

- ☐ A basic filing fee in an amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ under 37 C.F.R. §1.16(a).
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- ☒ A surcharge in an amount of \$130.00 under 37 C.F.R. §1.16(e).
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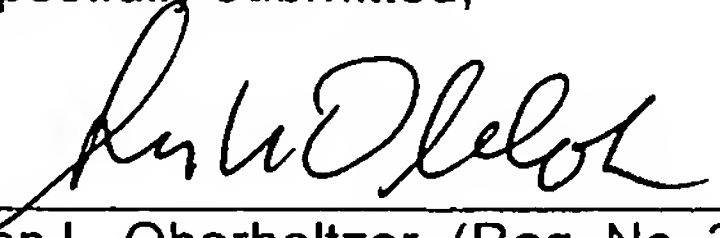
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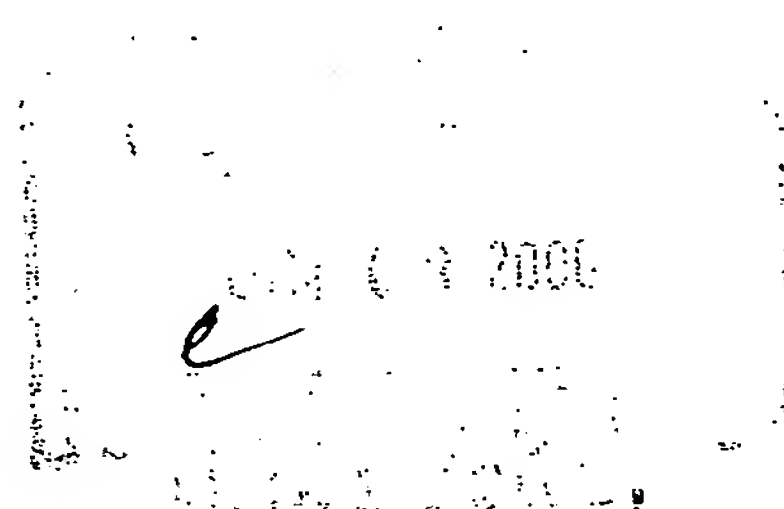
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### NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)

The following items have been submitted by the applicant or the IB to the United States Patent and Trademark Office as a Designated / Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495).

- Copy of the International Application filed on 11/11/2005
- Copy of the International Search Report filed on 11/11/2005
- Copy of IPE Report filed on 11/11/2005
- Preliminary Amendments filed on 11/11/2005
- Information Disclosure Statements filed on 11/11/2005
- Oath or Declaration filed on 11/11/2005
- U.S. Basic National Fees filed on 11/11/2005
- Priority Documents filed on 11/11/2005
- Specification filed on 11/11/2005
- Claims filed on 11/11/2005
- Abstracts filed on 11/11/2005
- Drawings filed on 11/11/2005

The applicant needs to satisfy supplemental fees problems indicated below.

The following items **MUST** be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

- Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the International application number and international filing date. The current oath or declaration does not comply with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b) in that it:
  - is not executed in accordance with either 37 CFR 1.66 or 37 CFR 1.68.
- To avoid abandonment, a surcharge (for late submission of filing fee, search fee, examination fee or oath or declaration) as set forth in 37 CFR 1.492(h) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the

## SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:

Total additional fees required for this application is \$130 for a Large Entity:

- \$130 Surcharge.

**ALL OF THE ITEMS SET FORTH ABOVE MUST BE SUBMITTED WITHIN TWO (2) MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE OR BY 32 MONTHS FROM THE PRIORITY DATE FOR THE APPLICATION, WHICHEVER IS LATER. FAILURE TO PROPERLY RESPOND WILL RESULT IN ABANDONMENT.**

The time period set above may be extended by filing a petition and fee for extension of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Applicant is reminded that any communications to the United States Patent and Trademark Office must be mailed to the address given in the heading and include the U.S. application no. shown above (37 CFR 1.5)

*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the response.*

PATRICIA A BOOKER

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## PART 1 - ATTORNEY/APPLICANT COPY

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# EXHIBIT A

Attorney Docket No.: 12400-050

Autoliv Development AB Case No.: SP 08852 WO

## DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY ORIGINAL APPLICATION

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name;

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor or an original, first and joint inventor of the subject matter that is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

### A STEERING WHEEL

the specification of which (check one)  
is attached hereto.

X was filed on November 9, 2005 as United States Application Serial No. 10/556,664 and was amended  
on \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge my duty to disclose to the United States Patent and Trademark Office all information that I know to be material to the patentability of this application as defined in Title 37 C.F.R. § 1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, Section 119(a)-(d) or Section 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or Section 365(a) of any PCT International application which designated at least one country other than the United States, listed below and have also identified below, by checking the box, any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate or PCT International application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

Prior Foreign Application(s):

Priority Not Claimed

0310866.9  
(Number)

Great Britain  
(Country)

12 May 2003  
(Filing Date)

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(Number)

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(Country)

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(Filing Date)

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I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S. C. Section 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below:

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I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. Section 120 of any United States applications(s), or Section 365(c) of any PCT International Application designating the United States, listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States or PCT International application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. Section 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the United States Patent and Trademark Office all information known to me to be material to patentability as defined in Title 37, C.F.R., Section 1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT International filing date of this application.

PCT/SE2004/000642

(Application Serial No.)

28 April 2004

(Filing Date)

Pending

(Status: patented, pending, abandoned)

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(Application Serial No.)

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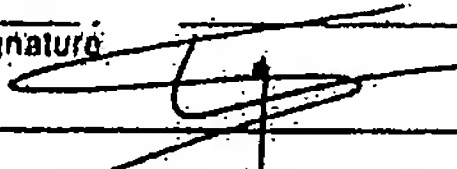
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**POWER OF ATTORNEY:** As a named inventor, I hereby appoint the registered practitioners associated with the customer number printed below as my attorneys, with full power of substitution and revocation, to prosecute this application and transact all business in the United States Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith, and to act on my behalf before the competent International Authorities in connection with any and all international applications filed by me.

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| Second inventor's signature   | Date 09 Oct. 2006 |
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| Full name of third inventor, if any |      |
| Third inventor's signature          | Date |
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| Citizenship                         |      |
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| Full name of fourth inventor, if any |      |
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